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UPI reports captain Canadian freighter East Star arrived Bermuda with

12 crew members after abandoning ship and stated that ship had drifted helpless for nine days because Cubans had filled fuel tanks with water.

We have noted over past year increasing Canadian public disillusionment with Cuba and increasing public resistance to Cuban policy Canadian Government. Recent statements by members Conservative Party urging severance Canadian diplomatic and trade relations with Cuba indicate that issue has ruptured into Diefenbaker's own party. We believe that East Star incident might add to general disgruntlement about Cuba.

We believe time might be ripe when we could profitably ask Canadian Government to review extent its trade with Cuba. (Canadian reporting from of Havana ~~is~~ great value to ~~us~~ us, and we would not intend propose suspension diplomatic relations.) We are seeking most ~~appropriate~~ appropriate moment to approach and we welcome your advice as to whether Canadian reaction to East Star incident provides suitable ~~an~~ opportunity approach Canadian Government and suggest ~~suspend~~ suspension all trade with Cuba except Canadian export foods and medicines. Please include your estimate current volume Canadian export industrial goods to Cuba.

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